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For : AN APPARATUS FOR PRODUCTION OF  
INHOMOGENEOUSLY POLARIZED  
OPTICAL BEAMS FOR USE IN  
ILLUMINATION AND A METHOD  
THEREOF

DECLARATION OF THOMAS G. BROWN  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.132

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Dear Sir:

I, THOMAS G. BROWN, declare:


1. I am currently an Associate Professor/Chair of Undergraduate Studies at the University of Rochester.
2. I am one of the named inventors of the above-identified patent application.
3. The named inventors for the above-identified patent application are correct.
4. The article entitled, "Inhomogeneous Polarization in Scanning Optical Microscopy" by K.S. Youngworth and T.G. Brown, Proceedings of SPIE, 3919:75-85 was published on or about May of 2000.

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5. The subject matter in the article entitled, "Inhomogeneous Polarization in Scanning Optical Microscopy" by K.S. Youngworth and T.G. Brown, Proceedings of SPIE, 3919:75-85 describes the work of the named inventors.

6. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date:

4/19/2005  
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Thomas G. Brown